

Public Letters and Papers of Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, 1917-1921. Compiled by Santford Martin, Private secretary to the governor, 1923, p. 394.

This volume is published by the North Carolina Historical Commission and marks a rather interesting departure in the work of preserving historical material. All the official papers and correspondence are here preserved as well as the public addresses. The great advantage is that all his papers are now available. The disadvantage is that interesting documentary material previous and subsequent must be omitted. No editorial explanations in the form of footnotes are given. How much this will mean in the distant future cannot be estimated now. It is a beautiful volume on good paper and substantially bound.

Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission
North Carolina Manual 1923. By R. B. HOUSE, Archivist
p. 507.

This is the eleventh biennial volume of this series, dating from 1903. The volume is divided into thirteen parts. The first has fifty pages of information concerning the legislature, membership, rules committees and officers. The second is devoted to the regular executive departments—governor, secretary of state, treasury, auditor, education and attorney general. The third is to the judiciary—the court of impeachment, supreme, superior, lower, and the corporation commission. The fourth to the twenty-two boards and commissions, the fifth to the twelve educational institutions. The sixth to the nine charitable institutions. The seventh to eleven historical topics such as early railroads, construction of public buildings, state seal, etc. The eighth to the political platforms of the various parties, state and national. The ninth to election statistics. The Halifax Resolution, the Declaration of Independence, the state and national constitutions, census statistics and biographies of public officials follow in the order given. It is a well-planned and well prepared volume.